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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Schoenwalde Airfield

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 4 to 22 May 1950

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28 July 1960

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. There was no flying at the Schoenwalde (N 53/Z 66) airfield on 4 May 1950. Forty single-engine ground attack aircraft covered with tarpaulins were standing in front of the hangars. Two planes of the same type were seen in an open hangar. Earth bunkers were seen on the hills on the northwestern edge of the field. Between these bunkers, two medium AA guns were emplaced. The four masts of the radio station west of the field were removed. Only a mast about 2 meters high was left on top of the wooden cabin. Trucks entered and left the field.

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2. The single-engine ground attack planes flew in elements of two on 11 May 1950.

3. On 14 May 1950, three guns with funnel-shaped muzzles were seen in the gun emplacement on the northwestern edge of the field.

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4. The single-engine ground attack planes made flights in formations of two and three on 18 May 1950. The planes headed northwest. Two detonations, one after the other were often heard coming from the northwest.

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5. Although the weather was fair on 22 May 1950 only biplanes made individual flights. Detonations were again heard from the direction of Kremmen (N 53/Z 57). The hangars were closed all day. About 40 single-engine ground attack planes were standing in front of the hangars, and six twin-engine planes with double rudder assembly on the northeastern edge of the field. All the planes were covered with tarpaulins. Air Force trucks were seen.

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Comments.

- (1) An AA gun emplacement had previously been seen only on the southern edge of the field. The AA guns were possibly moved to the northwestern edge of the field.

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- (2) The radio station is an Adcock DF station. The dismantling of the DF has not been confirmed by other sources.
- (3) It is possible that bombing practice was being held in the Kremmen area. A bombing range, used primarily by ground attack units stationed near Berlin, is located near Kremmen.
- (4) One ground attack regiment and twin-engine planes, confirmed at the field, Tu-2s or Pe-2s. It has not been determined whether the twin-engine planes are reconnaissance planes or trainers of the bomber corps. During the past year a certain connection between these twin-engine planes and the bomber corps was observed. There have been no indications recently to further support this theory.

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